

Re: Sinclair
Broadcasting forced
showing of political
program.

As a journalist, I
find it appalling
that a broadcasting
company can make
such a blatant
attempt to affect
the outcome of an
election. I would
expect that kind of
action in the old
Soviet Union, where
the government had
complete control of
the media.

As far as I recall,
the public still
owns the airwaves,
and therefore the
Sinclair

Broadcasting
decision to force
their stations to
show an obviously
biased and

I urge you to take
the strongest
possible actions to
fine Sinclair the
maximum amount under
the law, and I would
prefer that you pull
their license. They
are certainly acting
to subvert
democracy.

What follows is
further information
from the Free Press
website. I
wholeheartedly agree
with all that they
have to offer. Thank
you.

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when

large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.